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In re Application of	:	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Alaa F. Alani and Kenneth S. Hunt	:	
Application No. 09/966,327	:	DECISION NOTING JOINDER
Filed: September 28, 2001	:	OF INVENTOR AND PETITION
Atty Docket No. A2-4059 1496.00150	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)
Title: REDUCING THE EFFECT OF	:	MOOT
SIMULTANEOUS SWITCHING NOISE	:	

This is in response to the "Request for Reconsideration of Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)" filed May 9, 2002.

The petition under §1.47(a) is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

The above-identified application was filed on September 28, 2001, with a declaration identifying Alaa F. Alani and Kenneth S. Hunt as joint inventors. However, the declaration was only executed by inventor Alani. In response to a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed October 25, 2001, applicants filed the initial petition for status under §1.47(a) asserting that inventor Hunt refused to join in the application. However, the petition was dismissed for failure to show either that non-signing inventor Hunt could not be found, or that he refused to sign the declaration after having been presented with the application papers; and for failure to submit an acceptable oath or declaration executed on his behalf (Decision mailed April 19, 2002). This dismissal set a two-month period for reply, with extensions of time obtainable under §1.136(a).

On May 9, 2002, applicant timely replied, submitting a declaration for patent application signed by previously non-signing inventor Hunt (and inventor Alani). The declaration has been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is not necessary and the petition is considered moot. This application does not have any Rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for completion of pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Nancy Johnson at (703) 305-0309.

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